

**United States Senate**  
WASHINGTON, DC 20510

June 22, 2020

The Honorable Jason Kearns  
Chairman  
United States International Trade Commission  
500 E Street, SW  
Washington, D.C. 20436

Re: Passenger Vehicle and Light Truck Tires (PVLТ) from Korea, Taiwan, Thailand, and Vietnam, Inv. Nos. 701-TA-647 and 731-TA-1517-1520 (Preliminary)

Dear Chairman Kearns:

We write on behalf of U.S. passenger vehicle and lightweight tire (PVLТ) manufacturers and their workers who face ongoing challenges from unfairly traded tire imports in the above-referenced cases and to reiterate our support for strong enforcement of U.S. trade remedy laws.

The U.S. tire industry has been marked by unfair trade from foreign competitors for years. In 2009, President Obama imposed Section 421 tariffs on Chinese tire imports to address the systemic dumping of tires in the U.S. market. After the tariffs expired, USW tire-producing members again faced unfair competition, and the union filed antidumping (AD) and countervailing duty petitions in 2014. AD and CVD orders have been in place on certain Chinese PVLТ imports since. Unfortunately, other foreign competitors are employing unfair practices to gain market share in the U.S. while Chinese tire imports face additional duties. As a result, the USW union recently filed the AD and CVD petitions against tire producers in Korea, Taiwan, Thailand, and Vietnam.

U.S. trade remedy laws are intended to provide relief to U.S. companies and their workers when they are undermined by unfairly traded imports. We urge you to give full and fair consideration to the USW petitions in these cases and to ensure U.S. trade remedy laws are fully enforced.

Sincerely,

/s/Sherrod Brown

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Sherrod Brown  
United States Senator

/s/Rob Portman

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/s/Richard Burr

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